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Dear Sir and Bro. V

Was real sorry that I could not be present at the funeral of Bro. Rhodes, as I would liked to have been there very much, being a dear friend, and the affiliation with him in the various fraternal organizations made him a very close friend; but Walter had just come out of the hospital and was not strong enuf to drive yet. But I sent a special to Bro. Goodloe and I presume he told all the family and Bros. and friends, which I told him to do. I know that the Orders did him justice.

Was up to see Cub Saturday and we had quite a confab; he also told me of the delinquency of the lodges, just as you had, and he spoke especially of Waterloo; and I think, as he did, that the G.L. should get after that lodge, as we all know that they are doing what they could; I made a proposition to him that if a good portion of the Grand Officers would go up there some Sunday and make some strong talks that probably they would perk up a little and get busy and do something, so that it would not be such a burden on your efforts. Bro. Johnson did that thing when he was in and it had some effect for awhile; but now that they had a new Master you and the rest of us being there and making a strong appeal for him to do his duty to try and catch up it might have some good effect and give him some light. If you will make the date I will do all I can to assist you, and I know that Cub and Joyce and others will be on hand to do their part; Doc Martin would also come down and be a big help. What do you think of the idea? Am not dictating, but just desire to try and get what is coming to the G.L. and relieve you of that worry that you must have when they are not doing their part, not even trying. Now if you work this up and get a date with them I will bring a bunch along the line and we will have a "Grand Lodge", so to speak, and do some worth-while work; like we did before, and it worked. Urge the M. to have all the Bros. out so all will get the gist of the meet. Let me hear from you relative to the project and I will do my best to put the thing over. Cub said you had sent out a strong letter, but the delinquents will not pay much attention to that. Will help you on any other of the other lodges that you might take up also. Hope you had no trouble with your work in that big snow you had. Hope to be up there soon and will see you. Regards to all. As ever,

Fraternally yours,

N. L. Black
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